

NOTES FOR DISCUSSION GROUP

"CATCH THE WAVE....GETTING YOUR PARENTS AND STUDENTS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN YOUR LIBRARY"

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This is what I do at SAS (ex. for a big school with lots of active parents and students - but you can add/subtract/change to suit your school)

STUDENTS

- *Main project "Library Experts"
- *2 students from every class (I have 62 Library Experts!)
- *Chosen by teacher, or apply to the class, or give a speech - however the teacher wants to do it
- *Meet every two weeks at morning recess
- *I teach them and they teach their class
- *Different topic every session - all year
- *Make badges for them to wear
- *They wear them in library and help other students as well as teach their class different skills

WHAT DO YOU DO?

PARENTS

- *tired of parents who sign up to help but actually don't want to?
- *don't forget they are volunteers
- *see the Parent Volunteer Handbook we have developed
- *every parent reads it, we do some "hands on" with books on trolleys
- *we have an apron for all of them (an ALA one)
- *have an annual tea party and Principal writes them a thank you
- *get some of the Scholastic Book Club bonus points
- *get a 20% discount at the International Book Fair

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